to the extent of 40 per cent by each trading country. This Convention has entered into force from 6-10-1983. However, in India, it will come into force when necessary legislation to implement the same is made. This is under consideration.

Withdrawal by the British Airways flights from Calcutta

1764. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 454 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to pursue the British Airways not to withdraw their flights from Calcutta; and

(b) if no steps have been taken by Government, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Since bilateral air operations are governed by considerations of commercial benefits, the Government cannot direct any foreign airline to operate on desired points|routes.

Measures adopted against the Vitamin Deficiency

1765. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Govt's plan to fight various forms of vitamin deficiency among children in the country which precipitate malnutrition;

(b) what are the details of the said plan, if any, and the results achieved; and

(c) if not, whether Government have any scheme to formulate any such plan in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The most prevalent vitamin deficiencies amongst children in our country are Vitamin 'A' deficiency and folic acid deficiency. A National Prophylaxis Programme against blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during the 4th Five Year Plan. Under this Programme children in the age group 1—5 years are given an oral dose of 2 lakh IU of Vitamin 'A' in oil every 6 months.

Under the prophylaxis programme against Nutritional Anaemia, tablets containing iron and folic acid are regulary administered to pregnant and nursing women and pre-school children. In the rural areas these programmes are implemented through the primary health centres and sub-centres and through Child Welfare Clinics, Family Planning Centres, hospitals etc. in urban areas.

Evaluation of the Vitamin 'A' Prophylaxis programme in different states indicated some evidence of reduction of Vitamin-A deficiency. Evaluation of the nutritional anaemia programme is underway.

(c) Does not arise.

Collaboration scheme with Association of Physicians of Indian origin

1766. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a collaboration scheme proposed by the America Association of Physicians from India; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Representatives of the American Indian Medical Association (AIMA) had intimated that they would like to offer

the services of doctors of Indian origin who are on home leave to visit Medical Colleges and other Institutions for giving lectures, holding seminars, symposia and demonstrating their skills. The Medical Council of India has been designated as the nodal point for implementing the programme. For the year 1985, it has been decided that the scheme will be taken up for implementation in the following specialities and Institutions:—

1.	Urology	S.MS Medical College, Jaipur.
2	Cardiology & Cardio-theracic Surgery.	(i) G.S. Medical College; and (ii) KEM Hospital, Bombay.
3.	Neurology & Neuro-Surgery	Apollo Hosiptial, Madras.
4.	Gastro-entrology	G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi.

Appointment of Assistant Commissioner (Administration) in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1767. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Legal and Coordination Officer in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was created with Government's approval;

(b) whether that was converted into the post of Assistant Commissioner (Vigilance) and thereafter into Assistant Commissioner (Administration) arbitrarily;

(c) whether Government did not approve of the arbitrary manner of appointment of Assistant Commissioner (Administration); and

(d) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) A Steering Committee appointed by this Ministry examined the report of the management study of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration. The Steering Committee recommended creation of a post of Assistant Commissioner (Legal and Coordination). This post has, however, been designated as Assistant Commissioner (Administration) by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and recruitment rules therefor framed accordingly with the approval of the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(c) and (d) The matter is being looked into.

Conference of Port Chiefs in Delhi

1768. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Port Chiefs was held in Delhi in the month of September, 1985 to review problem regarding congestion on ports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions held; and

(c) what are the decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) A departmental meeting was held with the Chairmen of Calcutta, Bombay, Visakhapatnam, Kandla and New Mangalore Port Trusts to review the Congrestion at these Ports.

(b) and (c) The discussion centred round formulation of a plan of action to clear the congestion. To sort out the problem regarding scrap vessels, it was decided that norms for handling should be fixed and the vessels not keeping upto the norms could be pulled out. It was decided that at Calcutta more deployment of available labour be resorted to. In the cases of vessels not performing to the satisfaction of the port authorities, their movement out